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## THE TIME TO BUY

Middletown and vicinity remember to visit the Globe Store Saturday. Time and space prevent us describing all of our great offerings, especially of our beautiful holiday merchandise which will be offered this week. We will say in plain words that we will offer the greatest values that were ever offered by any merchant in the State or a hundred miles around.

Here is Only a Drop of Our Great Offerings. Remember Who is Offering This, the Globe Store.

**Men's Suits** Men's and Young Men's Suits, All-Wool Cheviots, Oxford Greys and Scotch mixtures, for the holidays only. \$5.50.  
**Men's Suits** Men's Suits in the finest material, all colors, in Stripes, Mixtures and Invisible Plaids, for the holidays only. \$7.50.  
**Men's Overcoats** Men's Overcoats in Black and Blue Beaver, Oxford Greys, the very latest cut, for holidays only. \$5.00.  
**Men's Overcoats** 115 strictly All-Wool Kersey, Melton and Vicuna, in straight and slashed pockets, for holidays only. \$8.00.  
Young Men's, Boys' and Children's Overcoats and Suits; as many as we have left on hand will be sold at a sacrifice.  
Men's Furnishings, single and double-breasted wool fleece-lined Underwear. All-Wool Cardigan Jackets and Sweaters, Indigo Blue Flannel Overshirts, Medicated All-Wool Underwear. The finest Natural Wool Underwear, which we will sell at the lowest prices ever heard of.

**Men's and Young Men's Suits**  
\$ 7.00 Gray Oxfords. \$ 4.75  
8.50 Scotch Plaids. 5.50  
9.00 Fancy Worsteds. 6.50  
10.00 Cashmere. 7.00  
11.00 Black Thibet. 7.50  
12.00 Satin lined. 8.00  
12.00 Black Worsteds. 8.50  
15.00 Silk Mixtures. 10.00  
14.00 Pin Stripes. 10.50

**Children's Suits**  
\$2.00 Black Cheviots. \$1.25  
2.00 Gray Oxford. 1.50  
2.50 Scotch Plaid. 1.75  
4.00 Black Worsteds. 2.00  
4.50 Black Thibet. 2.50  
5.00 Mixed Cheviot. 2.75  
6.00 Very best Serge. 3.25  
7.50 Three-piece Serge. 4.00

**Belt Overcoats**  
This coat will be a great coat this winter for smart dressers. The "Belt Coat" is an Overcoat that covers you right down almost to your shoe tops—made from heavy Cheviots, usually fancy mixtures. "Some of them are Rain Proof." We also have them in Plain Blacks and Oxfords. A belt slightly gathers the back.  
A coat that's a comfort on blustery days and chilly nights, \$7.50 to \$18.50  
Now, Mr. Young Man, if you want "The" Coat, come see our swell line.

**Men's and Young Men's Overcoats**  
Oxford Gray. \$ 4.50  
Raglans. 5.00  
Black Beaver. 6.00  
Blue Kersey. 6.50  
Black Thibet. 7.25  
Satin-lined Melton. 7.75  
High-grade Oxford. 10.50  
High-grade Kersey. 11.00

**Dapper Overcoats For Little Men**  
Swell, handsome and useful, they win the heart of every



mother who sees them. Father likes them, too—but, of course, he's most always thinking about something else. The Boy? Well, he's always ready for an Overcoat, so bring him in. Coverts, Kerseys, Friezes and Cheviots. Not a detail omitted that belongs to an OVERCOAT. All sizes to fit Big Boys or Little Fellows, with a price range by easy steps from \$2 up to \$10, according to size. \$6.00 elsewhere \$8.50. Tourist, double-breasted Overcoat for boys of 10 to 16 years. Dark or light Oxford and overplaids; collar of material; belt across back; broad military shoulders. \$3.75 elsewhere \$5.50. Swagger Overcoats for boys of 10 to 16 years. The material a dark Oxford that will wear splendidly; broad shoulders; cut full and roomy. \$3.50 elsewhere \$4.50. Regulation Reefers for boys of 3 to 10 years. Blue or dark Oxford; collar of material; chevron on sleeve; gilt naval buttons; lined with Italian cloth.

**Men's Hats**  
Good Working Hat. \$ .45  
Black Stiff Hat. \$1.00

**Boys' and Children's Hats**  
School Hat. \$ .35  
Fine Fedora. \$ .50  
Rough Riders. \$ .45  
Latest Style Hat. \$1.00  
Steel Colors. \$ .50

**Men's Nobby Fancy Vest**  
White Pique. \$1.00  
Nerzerized Silk Dotted. \$1.50  
Lobby white Dotted. \$1.00  
Latest Style Velvet. \$2.00  
Imported Velvet. \$1.75

**FURNISHINGS**  
Men's heavy fleeced Underwear. \$ .40  
Double back and front wool fleeced Underwear. \$ .45  
Children's wool fleeced Underwear. \$ .25  
Medicated Underwear. \$ .90  
Natural wool Underwear. \$ .50  
Very best Natural Wool D. B. front and back. \$1.00  
Jersey wool fleeced Men's Overshirts. \$ .50

**Men's \$4 Shoes, \$2.90**  
The very kind you want is here—from light and dressy patent coltskin to the heavy leather-lined storm shoes; and a big variety of shapes, in lace. All sizes.  
About the best bargain we have turned up this season—no telling when we will again strike it so rich.  
\$2.50 Men's "Special" Shoes. As good making, leather, trimming and style as you will find in any \$3 shoe outside this store—some dealers actually get \$3.50 for no better. Hand-sewed, welted and stitched oak soles. All leathers. All sizes.  
\$1.90 elsewhere \$2.50. Men's shoes of box calf or patent coltskin—Good-year welted and stitched soles—comfortable shapes and stylish.

### WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23, 1904.

WITH all the popularity and open-handed hospitality for which President Roosevelt is justly celebrated, the social season in Washington was inaugurated at the White House on New Year's day, with as large and as brilliant a reception as has ever been seen within its walls. All the officials of the government, and the general public by the thousands, crowded to pay their respects to the first gentleman of the land, who received each one graciously. Even the weather was fanlike; a cloudless sky, with the mercury making 75 degrees, thus ignoring the official prediction of "rain or snow." The Army and Navy officers formed at the War office and marched in long columns from the building. Among the new diplomats present, for the first time were the British Ambassador and the new minister from the infant Republic of Panama. Mr. Roosevelt stood by her husband's side while the public filed past, as glad to see and greet the common people as the officials. She was robed in a rich white satin dress, the front breasted richly ornamented with seed pearl embroidery. The waist, cut square in the neck, was also embroidered, as were the wide shoulder angel sleeves parting at the elbow. Pearls for ornaments. Miss Alice Roosevelt, also in white, stood behind her mother. The President looked anxious and weary, but greeted each visitor with a smile and a shake of the hands. The White House was decked in Christmas greens, and impressed one with its atmosphere of elegance, refinement and home-like quality. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt are so frank and hearty in their welcome to all visitors that the public is charmed with the simplicity and sincerity of the Republican court. This example has had its influence upon Washington society, and in no other city can be found more Democratic or hospitable hosts. After the official reception the people hurried away to attend the other receptions given by cabinet ministers. Admiral Dewey and other high officials. The happy Admiral surrounded himself with thirty young ladies from naval households, and his parlors were thronged with men in uniform, reminding one of a battle ship clearing for action. On the same day Mrs. Root gave her last reception; Mrs. Cortland gave her first, and Mr. Moody Secretary of Navy being a bachelor, gave none.

During January each member of the cabinet will give a dinner to the President, and afterwards he returns the compliment, having also for his guests the Supreme Court judges, the Senators, the foreign ambassadors, officers of the army and navy, and various other notable folks. The old custom of keeping open house has been renewed in Washington and now society, clubs, and churches give receptions. The brief days of the winter season are made long and cheerful by the numerous entertainments. Strangers are superbly received, and are come from all quarters and are of all degrees. No less than one thousand school-teachers were in Washington from New York and New Jersey during the holidays. College boys, young society ladies of prominence, foreigners of distinction, leading politicians, authors, artists, all find their element in the Federal city. Gov. Taft of the Philippines is to be dined by Secretary Root, whom he succeeds, on the 29th inst. Mrs. John R. McLean has given a dinner dance to the daughters of Hamilton Fish of New York and Ex-Gov. Walcott of Mass. The ball room was lined with rare old tapestries from the Barberini Palace, Rome. Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh who has the happiness of living in the largest, newest and most costly residence in Washington, has given a ball in compliment to Alice Roosevelt and Miss Walsh. Dancing at 10 o'clock in the great ball room on the top floor, followed by a supper and cotillion at which costly favors were distributed lace fans for the women and gold pencils for the men. The peace and prosperity which has come to the nation with expansion and Panama is reflected in the merry life of the national capital. While the favored children of well-to-do parents were being entertained by the President, a thousand others, offspring of the working people, babes of those employed on the city railways, were taken to the Masonic Temple and treated to a program of tricks, songs, marionettes, and a Santa Claus, who loaded their hands with toys, candies, and all kinds of fruits. The president of the railway company did this graceful deed. At all times the warm-hearted southern people in Washington are social and hospitable, but it takes cold weather to unite them in good cheer. The Mt. Vernon Place church, which boasts members from every southern state, sent out a thousand invitations for New Year's and held a large reception. A special booth was erected for each southern state, decorated with greens and the state flag. The Texas booth was covered with cotton and the one for South Carolina displayed palmetto hats in a row. Justice and Mrs. Oliver Wendell Holmes have given a housewarming. The new British Ambassador and Lady Durand have extended their hospitality to the diplomatic corps.

The Chicago holocaust has compelled an overhauling of all the theaters in this city, and a vigorous inspection.

There is less excitement to-day at the Russian and Japanese legations in this city because of the announcement that Russia has postponed for two weeks her answer to the Japanese demand. But the delay may not mean peace.

The Naval Observatory here announced the beginning of the New Year by telegraph to every city in the country, ticking off the exact second when its first hour commenced. The record was even in Alaska, Guam, and the Philippines.

### BRAIN LEAKS

Calico paid for feels better than silk owed for.

A starving man can get but little good out of a tract.  
The prudent man buildeth a storm door for his temper.

Some men's idea of pleasure is to go out and kill something.  
A rose to the living is better than a floral tribute to the dead.

What men are apt to term success often proves an eternal failure.  
Strive Ever is always handicapped by having to help Walt Forever.

Perhaps the voting public will wake up when "graft" begins to pinch the individual pocketbook.  
We feel awfully sorry for a man whose highest idea of a "good time" is to fill up and walk crooked.

The man who waits for something to turn up is as foolish as the man who thinks a dictionary should have an index.

### THE JANUARY AMERICAN BOY

The American Boy for January contains five complete short stories, namely: "The Defender of Aracena," by William Murray Graydon—a New Mexican Indian story; "The Boy of Many Tongues," by the author of "Dicky Downey"—a school story; "An Adventure With Wolves," by Tom Chappman—an animal story; "A Real Pirate," by George H. Coomer—a story of the sea; and "My First Steeple Chase," by T. E. Donaldson—an English story of sport. It also contains further chapters of Kirk Munroe's story, "The Blue Dragon," and the editor's "Three Yankee Boys in Ireland." Illustrated leading articles of great interest to everybody are entitled: "Philadelphia's New Year Frolic," "Sons of Fighting Sires," "Britain's Boy Soldiers, Boy Firemen," "Boy Drummers and Buglers," "A Burial at Sea," and "Missing Links." Games and Sport, are represented by the following titles: "How to Become Strong By the Use of Dumbbells," by an ex-captain of the University of Pennsylvania track team; "The Drawing-Room Magician," "How to Make the Kicking Donkey," "A Link Paper Chain," and "The Biograph." In addition there are such titles as "Boys' Books Reviewed," "Stamps, Coins and Curios," "The Boy Photographer," "Boys in the Home and School," "Boy Money Makers," "The American Boy Lyceum," "American Boy Contests," "American Boy Legion of Honor Roll," "Puzzles," and scores of sub-titles. This number contains seventy-five illustrations, each one of interest to a boy. Subscription price \$1.00. SPRAGUE PUBLISHING CO., Detroit, Mich.

### Reduced Rate to New Orleans and Return via Pennsylvania Railroad.

On account of the meetings of the American Economic Society and the American Historical Society, at New Orleans, La., December 28 to January 1, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets to New Orleans and return from all stations on its lines, December 24, 25, and 26, good for return passage until January 5, inclusive, at reduced rates. For specific information consult Ticket Agents.

### THE WEATHER CALENDAR

The Chattanooga Medicine Co., the manufacturers of Wine of Cardui and Theodor's Black-Draught have just issued the 1904 edition of their Cardui weather chart and calendar. This calendar with its 13 sheets 13x20 inches in size makes a bright ornament for the wall and is a useful acquisition in any home or office on account of its displayed weather predictions. The prominent number can be read across a large room as can the colored signal flags showing the weather conditions for each day. These weather signals illustrate the forecasts of Prof. Andrew J. DeVoe who achieved great prominence by his accurate predictions of the great Galveston, St. Louis and Minnesota storms and cyclones. So great is the popularity of these predictions that they are printed in 2,500,000 of these calendars and in 18,000,000 of the Ladies' Birthday Almanacs which are issued by the Chattanooga Medicine Co., each year. We understand that a copy of this weather chart and calendar may be secured by sending 10c. in stamps to the Chattanooga Medicine Company, Chattanooga, Tenn. Any of our readers who have not secured a copy of the Ladies' Birthday Almanac, can get one by sending their address to "Ladies' Birthday Almanac," Chattanooga, Tenn. or by calling on their druggist.

### SUSSEX TROLLEY LINE

The promoters of the proposed trolley road are trying to get capitalists in Sussex county to take at least \$100,000 worth of bonds and the capitalists in New York who are backing the project are anxious for the people here to take bonds so as to guarantee local interest in the road. At present the promoters are asking for nothing more than a verbal promise but as soon as the charter is taken out the bonds will be ready to deliver and then Sussex investors will be asked to buy. The bonds bear interest at 5 per cent. and with the purchase of a certain amount of bonds goes without cost an amount of stock equal to one-fourth of the amount of bonds bought. The bondholders therefore will be the stockholders also, and besides getting five per cent. interest on the bonds, will get whatever dividends on the stock that may be declared. One concern in Sussex has promised to take \$25,000 worth of bonds. The construction company has been organized in New Jersey and has taken out a charter under the laws of that state.

### CHANGES AMONG PRIESTS

Bishop Monaghan, of the Diocese of Wilmington, has announced the following changes among the Catholic Priests on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Delaware. Rev. William Temple, of Easton, will be transferred to St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, as first assistant to succeed Rev. P. J. Hughes, who resigns owing to ill health. Rev. Charles P. McGoldrick, of Bohemia Manor and Middletown, will succeed Father Temple at Easton. Rev. Charles A. Crowley, of Glen's Falls, N. Y., recently ordained in Baltimore, will be assigned to Bohemia Manor Md., and Middletown.

## CHANDLER RE-ELECTED

Unanimous Choice of the Governing Body of New Castle County

### MR. HOPKINS LOST HIS CHECK

Philomena Chandler was re-elected president at the reorganization of the Levy Court Tuesday morning. Before the court convened the five Republican members, Messrs. Hopkins, Chandler, Megginson, Willis and Elliott went into caucus when it was decided to elect Mr. Chandler for a second term. When the members returned to the room, Mr. Chandler moved that Mr. Willis be elected temporary chairman. The latter on taking the chair stated that as customary the court would be reorganized for the year and the first business would be the election of a permanent chairman.

Mr. Megginson nominated Mr. Chandler and Mr. Hopkins moved that the nominations be closed. Both motions were seconded by Mr. Elliott.

The election was unanimous. On leaving the chair Mr. Willis congratulated the president on his re-election.

President Chandler took the chair and in a few brief remarks thanked the members for the honor conferred on him. He said all members had given him their support and help during the past year. He would, he said, endeavor to use the public courteously. The reporters were thanked for their faithfulness in reporting the proceedings of the court. In concluding he said the affairs of the court will continue to be conducted in a business like way.

All the members, as well as several spectators, shook hands with the president and congratulated him.

A large number of small bills were ordered paid. Mr. Hopkins stated the last check he received for his salary had been placed in his bank at Newport, but with a number of other checks had been lost before it reached the Farmers' Bank here, where the county deposits are made. He stated he had stopped payment on the check and moved that a duplicate be drawn. This was done.

The amount of county money in bank on January 1st was \$215,415.43.

### Workhouse Trustees Report

The annual report of the Trustees of the New Castle Workhouse was read by Clerk of the Peace Winfield S. Quigley. The report shows the highest number imprisoned during the year was 245 and the lowest number 154. The trustees think the discipline is better than ever before.

During the year there was received from the Levy Court \$27,916.80, and from the United States Government \$1,100.07, aggregating \$29,016.87 for the keep of prisoners. There was also received from the Levy Court, \$53.20 for transportation of prisoners. There was received from the fire insurance company

for fire loss \$19,908.33 from the contractors for shop work \$6,455.56 and \$5,000 from the Levy Court for a stone crusher.

The health of the prisoners has been excellent. Mention is made in the report of the lynching of George White.

The total receipts for the year were \$38,580.80. The trustees ended the year with about \$2000 in bank. During the year \$435.73 bonus money was paid the prisoners. Frank Chapman got the largest amount, \$35.80.

Warden Meeserve's report was also read. This report showed number of prisoners received during the year, 1294, discharged 1274, present December 1st, 1903, 194. The daily cost of prisoners was not quite 8 cents. The total earnings of the prisoners were \$2609.21.

Shortly before court adjourned Mr. Megginson moved that the court elect an attorney for the year and nominated Horace G. Knowles. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hopkins. Mr. Knowles received the unanimous vote of the court and was therefore declared elected.

### BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will issue an elaborate World's Fair Folder on the first of the year, giving full information, with illustrations, of the great Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis. Ticket offices on the entire system will be furnished with all details concerning the route to St. Louis, together with advance information concerning hotels and boarding houses.

The Baltimore & Ohio is the original line from the east to St. Louis. Early in 1827 the founders wished to connect Baltimore and the seaboard, by the most direct line westward, with St. Louis on the Mississippi. From Baltimore to Cumberland the line followed the old national pike; then a direct line was built to Parkersburg on the Ohio River; other companies built lines from Parkersburg direct to St. Louis, and all of these lines have merged into the Baltimore and Ohio System, which forms the most direct route between the East and the West.

Solid vestibule trains run daily from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburgh and Columbus to Cincinnati and St. Louis.

### Found Dead in Woods

The dead body of James McBride, aged 75 years, who lived near Iron Hill, was found by a man named O'Rourke, on the edge of Clark's woods, near Glasgow. McBride had been missing from his home for several days, and is thought to have dropped dead or died from exposure. His faithful shepherd dog remained by his side and left only when the body was taken home. The animal was almost exhausted from its long watch over the body.

### Winter Excursion Rates via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad

Excursion tickets are now on sale to winter resorts in the South: also to points in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico. For tickets and full information apply to ticket agents or H. A. Miller, T. P. A. City Office Water and Market Sts., Wilmington, Del., D. and A. Phone 1758 A.

## GLOBE CLOTHING STORE, MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

**REGISTER'S ORDER.**  
New Castle County, Del., October 28, 1903.  
On the application of Elizabeth Martin, Adm. of the estate of Richard S. Martin, late of Blackbird, Rd., in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Letters of Administration upon the estate of the said deceased be granted to the said Elizabeth Martin, a newspaper published in the County of New Castle, Delaware, and to be continued therein two months.

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**NOTICE.** Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1903, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Executors, on or before the 14th day of November, 1904, or before the 14th day of September, 1904, or before the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.  
ELIZABETH MARTIN, Administratrix.  
Address: Martin B. Barr, Esq., 2 Attorney-at-law, Middletown, Delaware.

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WILLIAM E. BOWEN, Jr., Executors.  
Address: Francis C. Adler, Esq., 722 Bourse Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

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JAMES H. HOFFECOR, Executors.  
Address: Middletown, Delaware.

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**COLLISION DRAWING NEAR**  
The refusal, if confirmed, of Japan to permit Russian marines to go to Seoul over the Japanese railroad line constitutes an overt act which Russia cannot pass without challenge. The Seoul legations have repeatedly been under guard. Our own is now. Other Powers are preparing to land marines. If Russia has been declined the privilege, the first step has been taken toward a collision.

Out of the welter of contradictory rumor there gradually emerges a clear difference. The strategic key to Korea is the strip of territory across the north of the peninsula from Wontang to Ping Yang. This commands the entrance to Korea, and it divides the two halves of the Russian occupation on the coast, separating Vladivostok from the mouth of the Yalu and Port Arthur.

It is tolerably plain that Russia has desired not only to keep Manchuria, but to shut Japan out of this strip. Japan has refused a division which would give the island Empire only the lower end of the peninsula and no defensible frontier. This percise issue is complicated with the larger issues over Manchuria and Korea; but the immediate point of division and difference is over the control of the strip which is the link of the two halves of coast, now Russian, and is also Korea's strategic frontier. Japan is pushing troops into southern Korea. The next step, if after all hostilities come, will, as in the Chinese war, push the Japanese advance to Ping Yang.—*Phila. Press.*

**QUESTION NOT SETTLED**  
By a vote of 4 to 3 the Levy Court on Tuesday decided to pay the contractor for the rebuilding of the "Voshell" mill dam, as the majority were convinced that the work had been done according to contract. This would seem to have settled this peculiar dam, but at the special meeting of the Levy Court on Thursday, the member from this district, who as was to be expected, was opposed to the payment, is quoted as declaring his intention "to pay his compliments" to the majority next Tuesday. Just what Commissioner Armstrong is after is not apparent. The specifications in the law are that the Levy Court shall build a dam 12 feet wide on top, and the statement has been made and not contradicted, that at the time of the inspection by the Levy Court the minimum width was twelve feet and a half and that for a large part of the way the width of the new work is over thirteen feet. The fact ought to be sufficient to settle the question.

Another peculiar circumstance on Tuesday was that the motion to require the mill owner to comply with the provisions of the law by at once building the four additional feet necessary to make a sixteen feet roadway, was adopted by the same vote as the one above referred to. There may or there may not be a connection between the two votes. Certain it is, that every inch over the twelve feet that the contractor would build or could be forced into building would reduce the expense of the mill owners. This may be a laudable desire for the owners, but we do not believe that the taxpayers desire to pay any larger proportion of the expense than the special legislation requires. The law was born in iniquity and every move made under its provisions seems to uncover some further degree of badness. Where the foundation is rotten, no substantial edifice can be erected.

**JURORS FOR FEBRUARY**  
Clerk of the Peace Quigley and Prothonotary Frank L. Speakman Thursday morning drew the following panel of petit jurors to serve at the February term of the county courts:  
Wilmington—Joseph Davidson, Charles W. Gooding, L. B. Morrow, Charles E. Dubell, Thomas Holt, Philip B. Clark, Charles D. Baird, John W. Huxley, Appoquinimink—Walter S. Moner, Isaac R. Staats.  
Blackbird—William C. Staats, Joseph Staats.  
Brandywine—William B. Donken, Henry Curry.  
Christiana—Harvey Hollingsworth, Reuben Hall, Erace Dilworth.  
Mill Creek—Harvey Moore, Michael Wirt, Thomas McCormick.  
New Castle—James B. Hance, Willis Blackburn.  
Pender—Joseph Cavender, Clark Racine.  
Red Lion—Thomas Massey, Harry C. Price.  
St. Georges—Albert C. Deihl, Corbit Vinyard.  
White Clay Creek—Thomas Stafford, John H. Cla.

## TOWNSEND

Mr. W. W. Lynam visited Wilmington this week.  
Miss Lily Downey, of Middletown, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Harvey Daniels.  
Miss Winnie Price, of near Still Pond, Md., is visiting Mrs. W. N. Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Daniels and daughter Ada, have returned to their home in Wilmington after visiting friends in town.

Miss Louisa Hodgson and Miss Annie VanDyke visited Mrs. James Wilson in Smyrna last week.

Miss Alma Lynam spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Miss Mamie Townsend, of Philadelphia, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Gill.

Miss May McFaul has returned after a pleasant visit to her home during the holidays.

Mrs. Albert Watts, of Cecilton, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. W. P. Wilson spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Mr. John Weldon, of Bellevue, spent a few days last week in town.

The Misses Tally, daughters of Isaac Tally, of Brandywine hundred, visited their aunt, Mrs. Isaac R. Staats, last week.

Mr. Wilmore Fennimore spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mr. Louis Fennimore spent Monday in Wilmington.

Miss Anna Sharpless has returned from her home, Landenberg, Pa., after spending the holidays there.

Mr. Joseph Jones entered the Goldie Commercial School Monday.

Mr. Harry Skeggs and daughter Kathleen, of Philadelphia, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Henry Skeggs.

Mr. Samuel Othosen and sister, Miss Mollie, of near Sassafras, Md., spent Tuesday with Mr. George VanDyke.

Mrs. Aaron Reynolds, of Smyrna, was in town this week.

Mrs. I. P. Pritchard was stricken with paralysis last Friday morning and is now lying very ill at her home.

Mr. Elmer Pritchard, of Philadelphia, was called home by the sickness of his mother.

Those who are the fortunate owners of sleighs are enjoying the sleighing despite the severe cold. Commerce street is the favorite driving course.

Mrs. Edward Pollitt and little daughter Gladys, have returned to their home in Philadelphia, after a visit to her mother, Mrs. Charles Todd.

**SASSAFRAS**  
Mrs. Harry Sheppard is convalescing. Our public schools re-opened on Monday.

Mrs. Ford is very ill we are sorry to state.

Dr. E. N. Jeter is entertaining his brother from Virginia.

The thermometer registered 5 below zero Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Rosin and son visited Middletown Wednesday.

We are pleased to state Mr. William H. Spry is very much improved.

Mr. William Shallcross attended the dance in Cecilton on Thursday evening last.

Miss Jennie Boyles who has been visiting in Philadelphia returned Saturday after a delightful trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston moved to Blackstone station on Thursday. All seemed ready to part with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith entertained on Thursday last Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Griffith, of near Cecilton.

Mr. George McGuire, of Wilson's Point, is very ill with pneumonia. He has been a great sufferer for the past ten days.

Messrs. Jacob T. Shallcross, Robert Shallcross and son Masten visited Wilmington from Friday until Saturday.

Messrs. A. Wilson and Daniel Cochran visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cochran, near Middletown, on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ernest entertained on Thursday his brother-in-law, Mr. Joseph Delaney, of the Baltimore Custom House.

Mrs. Laura Townsend who has been visiting Mrs. Geo Johnston was called home Sunday by the illness of her grandmother, Mrs. Ford.

Mrs. Martha McWhorter, of Wilmington, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. N. Jeter, for some weeks returned home Monday.

Mrs. I. Gunkel and daughter, Mrs. J. R. H. Price, of Warwick, were entertained by her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ernest on Monday.

Rev. E. R. Creed of the M. E. Church, announces that revival services will begin on Sunday evening at the brick church. All are cordially invited to come.

One of our popular young farmers, Mr. Thomas Stratley, was married on Wednesday evening to Miss Jarvis, of Galena, at 7 o'clock. We wish them much happiness.

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## WARWICK

E. M. Holden is in Centerville.  
Edward G. Lynch spent Thursday with B. S. Hall.

James S. Merritt, Jr., was in Baltimore last Thursday.

Mr. Walter W. Aikin was a visitor in town Wednesday.

Hanson and Price King were visitors in Philadelphia last week.

Mrs. Elwood Williams spent Wednesday with Mrs. J. R. H. Price.

Misses Ethel, Lydia and Emma Manlove were visitors in town Tuesday.

The cold snap of the past week has afforded the young people great sport.

Messrs. Sorden Gillispie and John Price, of Massesys, were visitors in town Monday.

Mr. Stanley Litsinger returned to Western Maryland College, Westminster, last Monday.

Mrs. Harry Pensil, of Chesapeake City, is sojourning in town as the guest of her parents.

Mrs. B. S. Hall is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edward Armstrong, near McDonough.

Miss Helen Eaton spent from Thursday until Monday in town as the guest of her parents.

Miss Ella M. Staats, of Charleston, S. C., has been the guest of Mrs. Louisa Crawford, near town.

Mrs. Sallie Gunkel was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John R. H. Price, last Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. M. Garner were the guests of Mrs. H. C. Aikin, in Middletown, last Tuesday.

Mrs. D. S. Cannon has returned to her home in Philadelphia after an extended visit with Maryland relatives.

The festival and entertainment held in the hall during the past week was quite a success both socially and financially.

Miss Mamie Spear, of Bohemia Manor, accompanied by her cousin, is being entertained at the home of Mrs. Samuel D. Wilson, on Main street.

Mr. E. A. Jones is having lumber hauled on the land opposite the M. P. Church, which he purchased of R. B. Merritt recently, where he will erect a grocery store.

A birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stearns last Monday evening in honor of their daughter Jodie. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by the young people.

**CHESAPEAKE CITY**  
Mr. Charles West spent the holidays in Philadelphia.

Miss Alice Perry spent the past week in Philadelphia.

The Ericson Line steamers are running very irregularly.

Miss Florence Egee is spending a few days in Wilmington.

Several from here attended the Cecilton dance on New Year's Eve.

Watch meeting was held in the M. E. Church on New Year's Eve.

Miss Elsie Karsner has been visiting Miss Helen Scott, of Elkton.

Mr. Edward Bell, of Baltimore, is spending sometime with his family here.

The Daughters of the King met at the home of Mrs. W. A. Alexander on Monday evening.

Mrs. Douglierty and Mrs. Gey, of Baltimore, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Andrew Dalley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stoops, of Elk Neck, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Bristow last week.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will meet at the home of Mrs. A. T. Egee on Tuesday evening.

Miss Elsie Stubbs has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Stubbs, in St. Augustine.

The Euchre Club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Steele on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan and daughter, of Reynolds Wharf, spent New Year's with Hattie Morgan.

Mrs. Sadie Verdier and children have returned to Philadelphia after a lengthy visit to her sister, Mrs. John Banks.

Mrs. James S. Hopper is entertaining Miss Sallie Woodall, of Baltimore, and Miss Fannie Woodall, of Georgetown.

Mr. Zachary T. Cooling, Jr., of this town and Miss Emma V. Lowery, of Baltimore, were married in that city on Monday last week.

Esther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fell, died on Thursday evening, in her third year. The funeral was held Sunday, with interment at Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Day Cantwell, Mrs. George Brown, Miss Mary Cantwell and Masters Robert Cantwell and Clarence Brown, of Elkton, visited Mr. and Mrs. D. Palmer Boulden on New Year's Day.

The snow has interfered with the ice harvest. Messrs. Joseph Steele and Henry Hager were filling their ice houses on New Year's Day, but did not get through. Mr. Thomas Rees filled his from the mill pond at Back Creek.

Miss Lione Manlove entertained a number of her little friends on Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock. ed present were Misses Lucie Boulden, Madelyn Steele, Emma Griffith, Adelaide Clayton, Masters Reed Graves, Toward and Cavender Lorraine and Frank Griffith. Each little guest was presented with a basket of candy.

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**A RAINY DAY ACCOUNT**  
"Forecasted is forewarned." Advertiser's motto is well warranted. A little rain now and then, deposited in the Maryland Savings Bank.

**MARYLAND Savings Bank, Baltimore, Md.**  
Will provide for the future, and increase the value of your money by the liberal interest that we pay. Write for booklet explaining a plan of banking by mail. Can be opened by depositors. Can be withdrawn by check or cash.

**WRITE TO-DAY.**

## STATE HOSPITAL

At the meeting of the trustees of the Delaware State Hospital for Insane at Farnhurst, held Thursday morning, the following contracts were awarded:

Shoes and slippers—Jesse L. Shepherd, Middletown. Men's shoes, 85 cents; women's shoes, 85 cents; men's slippers, 28 cents; women's slippers, 24 cents.

Mutton and veal—Max Matthews.  
Milk—Robert McFarland, at 4 cents a quart.

Bread—John I. Schrade, 24 cents.  
Drugs—Wilmer C. Taylor.  
Beef—John P. Devine.  
Crochery and glassware—William Lawton.

Dry goods—William B. Sharp & Co.  
Men's clothing—Jesse L. Shepherd, Middletown.

The contract for groceries was annulled and Dr. Hancaker will go into the open market for the groceries until February 4th, when new bids will be received and the contract awarded for three months.

Dr. Blanche Dennes made application for the position of second assistant pathologist and bacteriologist. She will remain at the institution until February 1st, when an election for this position will be held.

Dr. P. Hayden Davies was elected first assistant superintendent.

The report of Superintendent Hancaker showed the population of inmates to be 350.

The following attendants resigned: Emma Pinder, Melissa Pinder, Sallie Alaband, Susan Dougherty, and Octavia Hallam. The following were employed: Anna Flannigan, Daisy Collins, Lulu Conney, Eugenia Slusher, J. W. Hurd, Allen Toppin, Curtis F. Wainwright, Lucy Rhoades and Harry Wilhelm.

The amount received from the board of patients was \$555.79.

The board decided to increase Dr. Hancaker's salary \$200 a year.

The members commended Dr. Hancaker for his careful attention and stewardship of the institution.

The bills for the past four months, amounting to \$14,231.38, were ordered paid.

**Pastor Asked to Return**  
Rev. J. H. Geoghegan has been invited to return to Girdletree, Md., M. E. Church as pastor this coming year.

**DRAGGING PAINS**  
2825 Keeley St., Chicago, Ill., Oct., 2, 1902.

I suffered with falling and congestion of the womb, with severe pains through the groin. I suffered terribly at the time of menstruation, had blinding headaches and rushing of blood to the brain. What to try I knew not, for it seemed that I had tried all and failed, but I had never tried Wine of Cardui, that blessed remedy for sick women. I found it pleasant to take and soon knew that I had the right medicine. New blood seemed to course through my veins and after using eleven bottles I was a well woman.

**Wine of Cardui**  
Mrs. Bush is now in perfect health because she took Wine of Cardui for menstrual disorders, bearing down pains and blinding headaches when all other remedies failed to bring her relief. Any sufferer may secure health by taking Wine of Cardui in her home. The first bottle convinces the patient she is on the road to health.

For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

**WINE OF CARDUI**  
Best Blood Purifier. Cures all ailments of the blood. Sold by Druggists.

**ASK FOR THE ONEIDA COMMUNITY JUMPTRAP**  
and look for the name on the Treadle Made by the Largest Trapmakers in the World.

**THE ONLY GUARANTEED TRAP**  
If one of our traps should break your door or will replace it free.

TWO MILLION MADE LAST YEAR.

**BURSTAN'S**  
Popular Corner Store.

**Great Sale of Odds and Ends**

**Men's Clothing**

At \$3.50 Odd Lot of Suits—Fancy mixed Cassimeres, were \$5.00 and \$6.00.

At \$5.00 Odd Lot of Suits—In fancy mixed Cassimeres and Cheviots, were \$7.50 and \$9.00.

At \$7.50 Odd Lot of Suits—In Cassimeres and unfinished Worsteds; medium Shades, were \$10.00 and \$12.00.

Don't miss this chance of getting a good suit for little money. Every suit is well made with Italian lining and padded shoulders.

**BURSTAN'S CORNER STORE.**  
Cor. Broad and Main Sts., Middletown, Del.

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## NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SS.

THE STATE OF DELAWARE,  
TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY,  
GREETING:—

Whereas, Emma E. Day by her petition to the Judges of our Superior Court filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, (Seal)

for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the petitioner and William Herbert Day.

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded that you summon William Herbert Day that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the First day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Emma E. Day according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ. Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Twenty-third day of November, A. D. 1903.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,  
Issued Dec. 23th, 1903. Prothonotary.

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THE STATE OF DELAWARE,  
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We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Mary Emma Smith that she be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the First day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, James C. Smith according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning her in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

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We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Ellsworth E. Moon that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the First day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Daisy L. Moon according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

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Trans Leave Middletown as follows:  
North Bound—3.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 10.25 a. m.  
South Bound—1.40, 3.40, 5.40 and 11.40 a. m.  
Mails Close as follows:  
Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.05 a. m., 3.50 p. m., 6.45 p. m. and 9 p. m.  
Going South—1.40 a. m., 4.35 p. m., and 9 p. m.  
For Odessa—3.30 a. m., 11 a. m., 5.50 p. m.  
For Warwick, Cecilton, Battelle and Seaside—8.40 a. m.

## Local News.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. INGRAM'S.  
Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

Mr. W. Reese Parker has moved to the Marcellous Jones property on South Broad street.  
FOR SALE—One Soda Fountain complete, in good order. Address, Lock Box, No. 321.

FOR RENT—Several desirable dwellings. One on Cass street, and others on Main street. G. E. HUKILL.

The public schools of Middletown were reopened on Monday after being closed for the holidays with a large attendance.  
The young ladies of Middletown and Odessa will give a "Leap Year Dance," in the Odessa Hall, Friday evening, January 15th.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons from 3.30 to 5, and Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.  
The schoolhouse near Armstrong's Corner, known as the Woodlawn school, caught fire Wednesday morning and the roof was burned. A defective fire caused the fire.

Trustees of the New Castle County Poor have decided that persons ill of smallpox and sent to the Emergency hospital must pay board at the rate of \$1 a day.

FOR RENT—The dwelling now occupied by John Dawson, corner Broad and Lake streets. Possession given March 25th, 1904. Apply to MARIE T. LOCKWOOD, Warwick, Md.

The scholars of Taylor's Bridge school were given a treat, consisting of candy and oranges, by their teacher Miss Gertrude McCrone, on Wednesday afternoon, which was devoted to speaking and special exercises.

Henry Donnelly, of Blackbird hundred, is contesting the will of his father, Bernard Donnelly, which leaves him but one-ninth of the residue of an estate of \$12,000 after the widow has received her lawful share. There are four children.

Harry Bailey of Philadelphia, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. John P. Cochran, Jr., near town, Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Bailey had been in poor health for some time, and had gone to his sister's home Christmas Eve to spend the holidays.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remains unclaimed in the post office for the week ending December 31st: Rachel Berry, Mrs. E. Brown, Mrs. Josephine Burk, Mrs. Carrie Curtis, Mrs. Annie Genn, Mrs. Maggie Messick, Henry Calvin, Felix Cuffy.

Mr. H. T. Staats, of Townsend, has been awarded the contract to build the new building for Mrs. Kate Naudin on North Broad street. The building will be a two story frame structure 24 by 48 feet, and the first floor will be occupied by The New Era as a printing office. The contractor will begin work on the building as soon as possible.

The stockholders of the Odessa & Middletown electric road have elected the following directors for the ensuing year: Edgar A. Tannis, Daniel W. Corbit, Edwin R. Cochran, Jr., John C. Corbit, William R. Polk, Edwin R. Cochran, Sr., Joseph Hanson, Joseph L. Gibson and Walter S. Letherbury. The board has elected the following officers: President, Daniel W. Corbit; Vice-President, Edward R. Cochran, Jr.; Secretary, Joseph L. Gibson; Treasurer, Walter S. Letherbury; Superintendent, Walter S. Letherbury.

Owing to the dissolution of the firm of Baris & Fogel, I wish to inform our patrons that the business will be continued by myself in the future. I will not occupy the store now occupied by the above named firm, but a postal card will bring me to your home, where I can take your order for anything in my line. I wish to extend to you my appreciation and thanks for your patronage during the past few years, which I trust has been satisfactory and profitable to you, and in the future every effort will be made to please you as in the past. Hoping for a continuance of your patronage during 1904, I remain, Very truly yours, A. FOGEL, Middletown, Del., Jan. 5th, 1904.

In the case of Phelps and Overton vs. The Peoples' National Bank of Middletown, involving the ownership of about 500,000 shingles, bought from the above firm by Clayton H. Messick, who left the State under peculiar circumstances last June, which was tried at the beginning of the present term of the Court, and decided in favor of the plaintiffs, an appeal has been taken. The attorneys in this case are L. M. Haines and Omar D. Crothers for Phelps and Overton, and Messrs. Wirt and Strahorn for the Peoples' Bank, —Elkton, Md., Appeal.

The rain and sleet of Sunday, which covered the ground, and the succeeding light snow on Sunday night, formed a hard crust on the frozen ground, which made it excellent for sleighing, and citizens of Middletown and the farmers in this vicinity were not slow to take advantage of the excellent conditions for this enjoyable sport. Of course owing to the trolley line on Main street, all eyes turned to Broad street. Those who cared for the mid amusement of driving around in leisurely fashion sought other thoroughfares. No room here for anything less than a three minute roadster. And they were there, not a few of them. All day Monday and Tuesday you could see them coming down the street, sometimes three abreast, driving under whip with a wonderful outburst of speed between Green and Anderson streets. This portion of the thoroughfare constitutes the judges stand, and at most any hour of the day when the sleighs are on the judges, a hundred or more, stand upon the pavements until their toes freeze and give expert opinions.

WANTED—A tenant to carry on a farm devoted to dairying, grain and hay. This farm is now fully stocked and equipped. It will be rented upon the system of thirds. Address by letter only. A. T. NEALE, Newark, Del.  
Our line of stores this season surpasses all of our former efforts since we entered the store business, and the prices are right. If you are going to need anything in the stove line we can interest you. All kinds and makes.

J. F. McWHORTER & SON.  
WANTED—FAITHFUL PERSON TO CALL ON retail trade and agents for manufacturing houses having well established business; local territory; straight salary \$20 paid weekly and expense money advanced; previous experience unnecessary; position permanent; business successful. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Superintendent Travelers, 605 Monon Bldg., Chicago.

The next entertainment in the Star Course under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, will be given by Ellwood, the famous magician, illusionist, cartoonist and art painter, at the Middletown Opera House, Tuesday evening, January 19th. An evening of pleasant surprises is promised, and judging from the popularity of the former attractions under the course are promised for Ellwood a full house.

At the annual meeting of the Volunteer Hose Company on Friday evening last the officers chosen for the ensuing year were as follows: President, J. F. McWhorter; First Vice President, W. B. Kates; Second Vice President, John E. Ginn; Secretary, H. S. Beaton; Treasurer, Dr. J. C. Stites; Foreman, Joseph A. Suydam; Assistants, F. C. Jolla and John E. Ginn; Pipemen, H. C. Eliason, John R. Brown, N. P. Crouch, F. S. Clayton, S. H. Riggs, H. S. Beaton; Trustees, E. S. Jones, John S. Crouch, S. S. Holten.

A. R. Spaid, County Superintendent of schools announced that the first local institutes will be held in the following places: In the public school building, Middletown, January 9th at 9.45 A. M. In Delaware College, Newark, the same day at 2 P. M. On January 16th, at 10.30 A. M., in the Wilmington Business School, Eighth and Market streets, Wilmington. Teachers will attend the meeting most convenient. It is to be hoped that every teacher will be present. Teachers' examinations will be discussed, as well as other things of importance.

The Y. W. C. T. U., Reading Rooms of this town, which were temporarily closed for a while were reopened yesterday afternoon for the use of members only. Those young men who have shown the community that their pledges count for nothing, have had their pledge cards returned to them, and will understand by that that they are no longer members of the society; hence no longer privileged to use the rooms. A meeting will be held at the rooms on Monday evening, January 11th, at 7.30 P. M. All the young ladies are requested to be present as there will be business of importance to be attended to.

The regular meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of Forest Presbyterian Church will be on Sunday evening next and will be held the following evening Monday, January 11th, at 7.30 o'clock. The topic for the week, "What are some tests of repentance," will be used and the meeting will be led by Mr. J. F. Deakney. The president of the Dela. C. E. Union, Rev. Elliot Field of Felton, will be present and make an address. Another feature of the meeting will be a conference on C. E. work to be followed by an informal reception to the president. All interested in the work of the society are cordially invited to be present.

Mrs. Samuel Price entertained her Sunday School class of young men at her home on East Main street Wednesday evening in a most enjoyable manner. The class and a few invited friends numbered about 20 persons, and at 7.30 o'clock they were invited to the dining room where many tempting dishes had been daintily prepared. After partaking freely of the good things the guests returned to the parlors where the remainder of the evening was spent in general conversation and vocal and instrumental music. At ten o'clock, after wishing their teacher many happy returns for the evening's enjoyment, they departed for their homes.

The people of this community were extremely sorry to learn through the announcement of Bishop Monaghan that we are to lose Father McGoldrick, the popular young priest who for the past two years has been assigned to Old Bohemia Church near Warwick, Md., and St. Joseph's Church in this town. The priest has made many friends not only in his own congregations but with all the people of this community, and his removal is deeply regretted, but we wish him much success in his new charge. He expects to leave for Easton, Md., on Monday, and his successor, Rev. Charles A. Crowley, of Glen's Falls, N. Y., will arrive here during the coming week.

The recent cold snap was the severest experienced here for several years. Taking the last half century as a guide these zero days come on an average about every three and a-half years, the last, prior to the drop in the mercury on Sunday last, occurring on February 10th, 1899, when the mercury went to 4 below. Throughout the East trains have been delayed from two to 12 hours, navigation impeded and in most instances entirely stopped. These things, however, though fraught with heavy commercial losses, are as nothing in comparison with the physical suffering and in many instances loss of life among the indigent and helpless. Doubtless from a sufferer there went up a sigh of relief when on Wednesday the wind pulled south, sending the mercury from the zero mark up to 28.

While THE TRANSCRIPT scribe was making his rounds one day this week his attention was called to a very interesting conversation between two of our young men. He was finally taken into their confidence, and asked to decide what to him seemed a very perplexing question. As we understand it one of the young men had been out sleighing with his lady friend and on this occasion had substituted two large mules for his usual driving horse, and here is the way he put it: "If you want to find the way to a lady's heart, just take her sleighing with a pair of mules." We cannot vouch for the correctness of this statement, but think, at this particular time, when snow is so plentiful, it might be well for some of our young men who are just a little slow in "popping the question," to try the experiment and let us know the result.

Mr. H. C. DeValinger has just completed filling his large ice house at "Willow Grove Mills" and informs us he has stored away 650 tons of exceedingly fine ice, which is nine inches thick. Mr. DeValinger proposes to serve ice throughout the town during the coming summer and has both the quality and quantity to please his customers.

The quietness of our town was greatly disturbed for a short time on Saturday evening last by two intoxicated colored men, who attempted to enter several houses on South Broad and Green streets. At the home of Mr. Albert Price the men demanded admission and after repeated attempts to force an entrance, they secured a board and smashed the large pane of glass in the dining-room door. The board was thrust against the door with such force that it passed through the room and fell on the opposite side. At this time Mr. Price secured a small rifle and fired at the negroes, and finally succeeded in frightening them off, but they were looking for trouble, and proceeded to the home of Mr. C. J. Freeman where they gained an entrance by the front door, but were frightened away when confronted by Mr. Freeman with a revolver in hand, but in their hasty retreat they smashed one of the bulk window panes in front of this property. They also entered the home of Mr. J. B. Messick, but were frightened away before any damage was done. In the meantime the officers had learned of the several attempted house-breaking, and it only required a few moments to capture one of the men who eventually did not relish the idea of being locked up alone, as he told the officers who his companion was but he had escaped, and was not captured until Monday afternoon. At their hearing before Squire Cox on Tuesday, the men gave their names as John Evans and Charles Askins, and in default of \$1000 bail were sent to the work house. They were committed on two charges of \$500 each, that of house-breaking and threatening to kill, and for creating a disturbance on the public streets.

## PERSONALITIES

Mr. W. B. Kates spent yesterday in Wilmington.

Mr. S. M. Rosenberg spent this week in New York City.

Miss Dora Price is visiting friends in Westminster, Md.

Mrs. W. P. Cullen is visiting relatives in Milford and Frederick.

Miss Grace Parvia is the guest of friends and relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. William B. Clark has returned to her home in Philadelphia.

Miss Martha Heaton is being entertained by Philadelphia relatives.

Mrs. W. B. Kates and daughter Sarah are visiting relatives near Farmington.

Mr. Charles N. Dickerson was the guest of his parents in Elkton, Md., over Sunday.

Mr. Warren Cochran, of Washington, D. C., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Ella Cochran.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burnham, of Wilmington, were entertained by relatives here for several days this week.

Miss Elizabeth Crittenden, of Philadelphia, is being entertained by her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hardcastle.

Postmaster Jolls has been confined to his room for several days suffering from a severe cold, but we are glad to state he is now improving.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, D. D., has been confined in the house this week owing to a slight attack of grippe, but is reported as being much improved at this writing, and will occupy his pulpit next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Richards have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter Clarissa J. Boulden, to Mr. John Richard Crossland, Jr. The ceremony will take place in Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church this town, on Thursday evening, January 21st, at 8.30 o'clock.

## NOTICE TO MY CUSTOMERS:

Notice is hereby given that on and after January 1st, 1904, we feel compelled to do as near a cash business as possible. We must insist therefore on weekly and monthly settlements of all accounts, the length of the credit to be determined when account is opened. Customers who have accounts are requested to let us have settlement during the month of January. We are prepared to give to all the best the market can afford at the lowest cash prices.

WILLIAM BROCKSON.

## CHURCH NOTES

Rev. C. T. Wyatt pastor, will preach in Bethesda M. E. Church Sunday, both morning and evening. Morning text: "A bad bargain." Evening text: "I am the way, the truth and the life."

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Some Tests of Repentance." Luke 3:1-4; Ps. 51:1-7. Leader, Mr. Leroy Banning.

Personally-Conducted Tours to Washington D. C. and return via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

A series of three-day personally-conducted tours to Washington, D. C., will be run on the following dates: January 21, February 4, and 18, March 3, and 23, April 7, and 21 and May 5. \$9 for the round-trip including hotel and other expenses. Train leaves Chester at 3.24 P. M., Wilmington 3.40 P. M. As these four parties are limited to the available hotel accommodations and reservations are made when tickets are purchased. Those intending to become members should register at once. For booklet and full information call on ticket agents or write to H. A. Miller, T. P. A., Water and Market streets, Wilmington, Del.

## Sales to Take Place

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 1904.—Public Sale of Stock, Farm Implements, &c., by Thomas Lattomus, on the farm known as the Collier Farm, near Baxter's Corner, 4 miles South of Townsend.

THE TRANSCRIPT, \$1.00 per year.

## MIDDLETOWN SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

The Middletown Shooting Association held an interesting shoot on New Year's Day, when three important events were shot. The first shoot of the series of eight for the Parker gun was warmly contested, and resulted in S. E. Massey making top score of 22 out of 25 from the 18 yard mark, closely followed by E. J. Steel with 20, Gilpin Massey with 20 and Kates with 19. As it is a distance handicap throughout, it is anybody's gun until the last shoot is over. Bernard successfully defended the Hunter Arms Co. gold medal, the challenger being Burris—Score Burris 18, Bernard 20.

S. E. Massey also defended the silver medal against the field, but had his hands full with his brothers Jap and Edward who both went straight with him. The next shoot for the Parker gun will be held on Thursday next, the 14th at 1 P. M.

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# A GREAT PHILANTHROPIST

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

Her face however, varied as soon as Mrs. Richards came into the room. She was a little woman, with a gentle pretty face and brown eyes. She had plenty of common sense, as the girl soon discovered, and from what she afterwards learned she was surprised to find how seldom John Richards or his wife was victimized, despite their readiness to listen to appeals for help.

My husband has been telling me about you, Mrs. Richards began, as she held out her hand to Custance. You are going to stay with us until Mr. Standard decides what you can do—is that it?

Oh, if you will allow me the girl exclaimed, in intense relief. But may I not tell you all about myself? Do let me, for I feel as if I cannot accept your hospitality until you know something of me.

Presently will do—we will have our dinner first, replied Mrs. Richards. Come along, and I will show you the room. It seemed like a dream to Custance when her hostess left her in the little room where she was to sleep. It was very unpretentious, but the ordinary comforts of life were luxuries to Custance after her experience of Brooke's Court. She gave a sigh of pleasure as she touched the clean sheets and white hangings and examined the china on the wash-stand with an almost childish delight.

They are really good people! she murmured, her thoughts reverting to her host and hostess. They almost give me back my trust in human nature. I shall never be able to repay them—no, no, Godfrey Standard either!

Custance waited with impatience until the cloth was cleared, and the servant had withdrawn. Then her hostess turned to her.

Now, Miss Madison, you may confide in us, she remarked.

My father was curate of St. Swithin's in Dalehirst, Cusance began, without any preamble. He died three months before my birth, leaving my mother as badly off as most clerical widows. She had been a governess in the Rector's family, and when she had to support herself and her two children, she tried to keep a little school. All the education I had came from her. When I was about fifteen I assisted her with the pupils, and we were always able to support ourselves until about five years later her health broke down. Then things went from bad to worse. I could not keep the school alone and give mother the nursing and attention which she required, and with the spread of education fresh academies had sprung up around us, and we lost our scholars. At last we found that we could not live in St. Swithin's any longer, and we came to London in the hope of my getting something to do.

Had you friends here?

No; but several introductions were given me. I obtained many situations during the first eighteen months.

But did not keep them?

I could not—the blood rose to Custance's face, but she looked at her friends frankly, with clear honest eyes—I think I was most unfortunate. In one family there was a stepson—a man who was many years older than the young children who were my pupils—and he paid me most unbecoming attentions. Of course I had all the blame laid on me—and the little bitter smile came back to her lips as she spoke. In another family there was an old servant who took a dislike to me, and through her influence, I believe I was dismissed. From one cause or another I could never keep a situation, although I assure you I did my best. At last my mother's health became so uncertain that I endeavored to get work that I could do at home. I have tried copying, needle-work, and designing Christmas cards. It was the old story of a girl trying to fight her way. We sank down, down, and I had to watch my mother dying before my eyes and suffering from privations which I could not avert. The last stage landed us in Brooke's Court, where we had an attic at the top of a lodging-house. We were literally starving when I went to Mr. Standard's office and first saw your husband.

Have you no relations? Mrs. Richards asked gently.

Very few. My mother was an only child, and my father's people are themselves too poor to help me. I am singularly alone in the world. But you can verify everything I have told you by writing to the Rector of St. Swithin's, or to some of the people from whom I have had employment.

John Richards smiled.

I am afraid you have had bitter experience, Miss Madison, to make you so expectant of being deceived, he remarked. Suppose I now tell you my story. It can be only briefly, for we are early people, and time is getting on; but it will show you why I was so willing to listen to you, and why I asserted that Godfrey Standard had saved more than you from despair.

I am the son of a Manchester manufacturer, who, to be brief, failed. That caused me to be thrown on my own resources, and, like you, I came to London, expecting to make my way. I had no introductions, as you had, and after struggling and almost starving for six months, I decided to end my life. I was leaning against one of the buttresses of a bridge, looking out for an opportunity to jump over without the chance of being rescued, when a gentleman whom I was passing paused and laid his hand on my shoulder. That man was Godfrey Standard.

He was quite a young fellow—thirty years my junior—but from that hour to this I have had reason to bless his generosity. My attitude had arrested his attention, and with characteristic impetuosity he had guessed my intention—and saved me. A year later I became one of his secretaries, and he said that he wanted some one whom experience would have made very careful yet sympathetic in dealing with the petitions that came before him. I must own, added Richards, with a rather comical smile, that care is necessary, for he is extremely easy to impose upon, and for all my sympathy I am much more cautious in dealing with a case than Mr. Standard.

I do not think that anyone could accuse you of lack of sympathy, though, John, Mrs. Richards interposed quietly. Mr.

Standard has a large staff of secretaries and clerks to manage the benevolent funds and institutions which he has founded, Miss Madison; but the dubious applications are always placed in my husband's hands, because he is so painstaking in investigating any claim made.

I am sure of that, agreed Custance, smiling. My case was one in point, and when I look back I can only marvel at the generosity of which I was a recipient. It seems to me like a miracle.

It is not so very wonderful after all, faced Custance, with his inscrutable smile and a comprehensive glance at his wife. But just look at the clock! Eleven, by Jove! Miss Madison, you are gleaning us into quite dissipated habits. Good night! I hope you will sleep well.

CHAPTER III

Custance spent the following day in improving her hostess's acquaintance while John Richards went to the office. There was a baby in the little home—to keep us young, and make us just a little silly! Mary explained as she introduced Custance. It was a tiny rosy mite, with a head as round as a young chicken's, and a pair of brown eyes that smiled as sweetly as its damp pink mouth.

Oh! Custance exclaimed, when its mother carried it into the room during the morning. Her exclamation was one of spontaneous pleasure, and she held out her arms involuntarily. Please let me take it! Babies always like me—they don't cry when I nurse them. Is it a boy or girl?

A girl. I must apologize for having left you so long to yourself, but it was on her account. We have a nurse, but I like to see something of my darling.

Oh, why didn't you bring her down before? Custance asked, cooing over the baby, who stretched out a tiny hand to clutch at her.

I did not know you liked babies, said Mary quietly, and we never intrude into the little one's privacy unless they have a pronounced taste that way. But I see you are a true nurse! she added, laughing.

I am very fond of little children! Ah! I forgot—you were nursery governess at one time, were you not? Mrs. Richards inquired, with a thoughtful glance at the girl's beautiful face bent over the child in her arms.

Yes, my pupils were two little boys of three and five—Tots and Rudy! And you left there because of the stepbrother?

It was through him that most of my troubles came, declared the girl. He was an awful man—he really was! as her hostess smiled slightly. Oh, Mrs. Richards, don't you think it is hard that women who are trying to do their best and earn their own living should be subject to the unbecoming attentions of men who have nothing better to do than amuse themselves at their expense?

Very hard. Unfortunately it is often the case that a pretty girl has a lot to endure.

Most often! This man—his name was Thorne Nugent—was Mrs. Bryden's stepson. He was very well off, for he had inherited an uncle's property whose name he had taken, and he had an estate in Dalehirst. About a month after I began to teach Mrs. Bryden's little boys he came to stay in the house, and from the first he paid me attentions which I not only did not desire, but which positively frightened me. It was not that he was repulsive, or exactly ungentlemanly—though he always behaved, to my mind, as though I were very much his inferior—but he was so persistent. If I snubbed him he only laughed, and he would lay me out and force me to leave him. Oh, it was horrible! But for my mother, I think that I should have rejoiced to leave Mrs. Bryden.

Poor child! What was he like?

He possessed a Satanic type of beauty, being tall and very dark, although his eyes were a curious light bluish-gray color. He was supposed to be very handsome, and of course Mrs. Bryden regarded him as irresistible and never believed that I had not been attracted by him. She little knew how I had repulsed his advances!

Did he propose to you?

No—while I was in his mother's house he was made stupid but odious love by her; but when I left, and he thought I was in his power, he seemed determined to get a definite answer. He traced me to my next situation, where I was companion, and meeting me out, insisted on walking with me. Jennie, the old servant, who I told you did not like me, saw us on one occasion and connected various tales about me. After that I obtained a place in a shop, but again Mr. Nugent discovered me, and I think must have visited me to the proprietor, for I was dismissed.

The man must be a fiend!

I used to think so sometimes, replied Custance, with a shudder. He had an evil-looking face when he was angry—and I generally came when he was. However, let us talk of something else. Do you think that Mr. Richards will find anything for me to do?

I am sure he will do his best, Mrs. Richards declared—and after struggling and almost starving for six months, I decided to end my life. I was leaning against one of the buttresses of a bridge, looking out for an opportunity to jump over without the chance of being rescued, when a gentleman whom I was passing paused and laid his hand on my shoulder. That man was Godfrey Standard.

He is quite a young man—about thirty. Oh—I thought he was much older, but I suppose it was his father who made the money?

Yes—John Standard the great inventor. He was a philanthropist also, but a much sterner and keener man than his son. Godfrey is very much like any other open-handed young man of his age—so far as I can gather from John's accounts—and rather overweighed with his responsibilities. He would be better armed, provided that his wife was a clever, helpful woman who would work with him; but I never heard any talk of his being engaged.

Is he good-looking?

Yes—rather. He has a pleasant manly face, but it is not striking—he is just a brown-haired young Englishman, with a good pair of shoulders and straight limbs.

I hope he will take me into his employ, Custance said dubiously. I would do anything—wouldn't I, baby? What dark eyes she had! She is going to be like Mr. Richards.

I hope so. We called her after his mother, and she resembles his family more than mine. By the way, your name is rather an uncommon one, isn't it?

It is the old-fashioned form of Constance, I suppose. I myself like it better than the ordinary way. I wish you would call me Custance instead of Miss Madison, Mrs. Richards.

I will, if you desire it, Mary answered quietly.

When John returned from business that evening, the girl hardly waited for his wife to greet him but flew into the hall with an impulsive "Have you any news for me?" before he could get out of his overcoat. Mr. Richards looked with mingled surprise and amusement at the girl's lovely eager face and unconscious grace.

You are not to sweep the floors! But, he added, laughing—if you will let me get into the dining-room, I will tell you Mr. Standard's suggestion.

Standard laughed also, but flushed a little at her own impetuosity. But it is a very important matter to me, she said apologetically, when they were all settled in the dining-room.

Well—I spoke to Mr. Standard about you and told him how anxiously you desired the position of charwoman in the office, Richards explained. I also mentioned your qualifications for the post.

Oh, Mr. Richards, you are laughing at me! I hope you didn't influence Mr. Standard against my working?

Indeed, I did not. I told him that you were fully prepared to do the roughest work—that you had stormed the office and insisted on being employed without receiving wages. It is not often my lot to have a young lady come to me and insist on being instantly provided with a broom!

But I also told him, he added more seriously—that I was sure that whatever employment he gave Miss Madison she would undertake heartily and do the very utmost that her ability and strength allowed her.

Indeed—indeed I would! Mr. Standard talked the matter over with me, Richards continued, smiling at the girl's eager face—and he is willing to offer you a situation which, though manly a much less hard one than what you asked, has a great responsibility resting on it. His mother is still alive, but she is a very old lady, and quite blind.

He is desirous of finding her a companion—a young lady who will sit with her and read to her. She has her maid to attend on her, but he wants to give her more cheerful and educated society than that of an old servant. When I told him about you he asked me if you were qualified to take this post. I was forced in honesty to say, Miss Madison, that though I believed personally that you were, I could not prove it or be responsible for it. I knew nothing of your character and had had no experience of your capabilities; but Mr. Standard is inclined to try you. If I take this girl and help her when she is perfectly friendless and helpless, she is more likely to devote herself to my mother through gratitude than if I engaged some one with other ties, he remarked.

You say she is desirous of proving her sense of an obligation by working for me—very well, I will give her this chance, and he left it to me to lay the proposal before you. Now, Miss Madison, what do you say?

Custance was leaning forward, with her lips parted in her eagerness and her great earnest eyes fixed upon him.

Mr. Richards said exclaimed. I am more than thankful to accept the position Mr. Standard offers me—I am very humbly grateful. And if I can pay—as the heavy moral debt that I owe him—as well as the money—by devotion to his mother, he can trust me to do my very best. The memory of my own mother and her helplessness is an added reason to make me the more willing to wait upon Mrs. Standard.

Custance learned through John Richards that she was to enter her new position as soon as she could be ready. She received an official letter, signed by Godfrey Standard, appointing her as Mrs. Richards's companion, but her employer she did not see. The girl stayed with the Richards for a few days while she sought such things as were necessary, and the modest shopping expeditions in company with Mary were heartily appreciated by both.

Custance was genuinely sorry to part with her new friends, and it was with a great effort that she smiled from the window of the railway carriage when Mary saw her off.

I seemed to have known you quite a long time, she said—and I have so few friends. Don't quite forget me, will you? You silly child! Mary ejaculated, smiling pleasantly. We are not going to forget you, and you must write to us. And when you take a holiday, you are to come to us. John and I are agreed on that point.

Custance shook her head. I shall not take a holiday for a long time, she answered. It will be a year or so before I have worked off that fifty pounds.

Well! queried Mrs. Richards. Well, I rather wish I had seen Mr. Standard. It seems so curious never to have seen your employer.

He is very busy. Just consider how his time is taken up. However, I dare say you will see him at the Park, as he often runs down to stay with his mother.

Custance found Mrs. Standard a beautiful white-haired old lady, whose slighter eyes were as serenely blue as ever, for her misfortune had not affected their appearance. She reminded the girl of a Quaker, with her plain, black, silk gown, relieved by exquisitely snowy bands of white linen. It seemed impossible that dirt or untidiness could exist near Mrs. Standard. She moved in a quiet atmosphere of her own, so fresh, sweet, and saintly that to live under the same roof with her—so Custance wrote to Mrs. Richards—made one feel the better.

I do not wonder at Mr. Standard's devotion to his mother, wrote Miss Madison. She is so perfectly lovable. I do not, as a rule, like saintly people, but Mrs. Standard contrives to humanize her goodness, so to speak. She is not by any means an unsympathetic person, whose thoughts are always fixed on Heaven, so that she has no time to do good on earth. On the contrary, she is always interested in the world around her and has a great sense of humor.

On the day after Custance's arrival Mrs. Standard pointed out to her the picture of the late master of the house.

If you look on the wall behind you, Miss Madison, she said, you will see a portrait of my husband. It was taken late in life and is an excellent likeness—and the old lady turned her pathetic-looking eyes in the direction of the picture as though memory were stronger than physical sight.

He had a very powerful face, Custance remarked.

To her mind the great inventor looked a hard man. The straight brow, the keen eyes so closely set, the compressed lips, the firm chin did not betoken a generous nature. A doubt flashed through Custance's mind whether, if she had had to deal with John Standard instead of his son, she would have met with the assistance that she had.

Is the present Mr. Standard like that? the girl ventured to ask.

No, Godfrey is more like me, replied the old lady, with a tender look. Custance looked at the sweet old face and smiled back at it instinctively. She felt glad that Godfrey Standard had not taken after his father.

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